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Re:

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Inventors:

DAUPHINEE et al.

Our Ref:

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. Amendment and Reply to Requirement for Election of Species; and
- 2. A return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amendment and Reply to Requirement For Election of Species

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Sir:

In reply to the Requirement for Election of Species dated September 28, 2004, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Reply to the Requirement for Election of Species. This document is provided in the following format:

- (A) Each section begins on a separate sheet;
- (B) Starting on a separate sheet, a complete listing of all of the claims:
 - in ascending order;
 - with status identifiers; and
 - with markings in the currently amended claims;
- (C) Starting on a separate sheet, the Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required thereof (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Election of Species

In response to the Requirement for Election of Species, Applicants hereby provisionally elect, without traverse, Species II (Figs. 2 and 3) for prosecution. Pending claims 1-12 and 17-27 read on such species.